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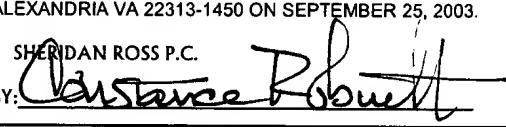
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on March 25, 2003 (Paper No. 8). Enclosed is a request for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the time period for response from June 25, 2003 to September 25, 2003, as well as a check in the amount of \$930.00 as the fee for such extension. If any additional fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 25 of this paper.